



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application Number : 09/801,090 Confirmation No. 6854
Applicant : Avides Moreira et al.
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Examiner : Sue A. Purvis
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Elastomer

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 13, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on *page 2* of this paper; and
Remarks and arguments begin on *page 5* of this paper.